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PERSONNEL: NO GREAT IMPACT ON BRANIFF/AERO/PERU
BLIND SECTOR PROBLEM FORESEEN

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SUMMARY: THE GOP'S THREE PRINCIPAL CIVAIR OFFICIALS ARE BEING REPLACED. THE PERSONNEL CHANGES, HOWEVER, DO NOT SEEM TO PORTEND CHANGE IN POLICY. OUTGOING FOREIGN MINISTRY CIVAIR OFFICER SOLARI AGAIN CHARACTERIZED DEPARTMENT' DRAFT DIPLOMATIC NOTE AS PROPOSING MODIFICATION OF 1975 UNDERSTANDING, WHICH HE VIEWS AS UNACCEPTABLE TO PERU. CONTRARY TO REPORT REFTEL, HE HAS NOT SHOWN DRAFT TO AERO PERU OFFICIALS. DIO BATA ON NEW PERSONNEL IS INCLUDED IN THIS MESSAGE. END SUMMARY.

1. THE THREE PRINCIPAL CIVIL AVIATION POSITIONS WITHIN THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT WILL EXPERINCE A CHANGE OF PERSONNEL IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. ALREADY MAJOR GENERAL OSWALDO JAVIER CABRERA ARCA, MOST RECENTLY ASSIGNED AS PERU'S AIR ATTACHE IN BRAZIL HAS BEEN NAMED TO REPLACE GENERAL GUILLERMO BERCKEMEYER AS PRESIDENT OF THE STATE-OWNED AIRLINE, AERO PERU. CABERA HAS RETURNED TO PERU AND SHOULD ASSUME HIS DUTIES WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. THE
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NEW DIRECOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION (DIRECTOR-GENERAL DE TRANSPORTE AEREO-DGTA) IS REPORTED TO BE COLONEL LUIS F. SANCHEZ CHAVEZ, REPLACING COL. CESAR OLIVERA. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF SANCHEZ'S APPOINTMENT IS EXPECTED SOON. DR. LUIS SOLARI, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S CIVIL AVIATION OFFICER, WILL BE REPLACED BY DR. ARTURO MONTOYA, EFFECTIVE APPROXIMATELY MID-FEBRUARY. COMMENT:

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IT IS TOO SOON TO DETERMINE WHETHER CHANGE IN GOP'S CIVAIR
PERSONNEL WILL HAVE FAVORABLE IMPACT ON OUTSTANDING PROBLEM
OF BRANIFF/AEROPERU BLIND SECTOR FLIGHTS, BUT IT APPEARS UN-
LIKELY THAT NEW TEAM WILL BRING ABOUT MAJOR POLICY CHANGE.
END COMMENT.

2. AT ECON OFFICER REQUEST, SOLARI INTRODUCED HIM TO MONTOYA
JANUARY 19. DURING DISCUSSION OF CURRENT STATUS OF BLIND
SECTOR FLIGHT CASE SOLARI INDICATED THAT HE HAD NOT GIVEN COPY
OF DEPARTMENT'S DRAFT DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON US/PERU CIVAIR
RELATIONS TO ANY AERO PERU OFFICIALS. WHEN EMBASSY OFFICER
SAID THAT THIS CONTRASTED WITH IMPRESSION SOLARA HAD
CONVEYED IN EARLIER CONVERSATION (REFTEL) SOLARI REPEATED
THAT HE HAD NOT DISCUSSED DRAFT WITH ANYONE IN AEROPERU.
HE ADDED THAT HE HAD NOT DONE SO BECAUSE HE FELT THAT
PRESENTING SUCH A DRAFT, WOULD IRRITATE THE OFFICIALS AT AEROPERU
AND POSSIBLY SPOIL CORDIAL CIVAIR RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES. HE REITERATED HIS EARLIER VIEW THAT DRAFT NOTE
WAS A RENEGOTIATION OF CIVAIR UNDERSTANDING AND NOT SIMPLY
AN INTERPRETATION OF THE UNDERSTANDING, WHICH HE CLAIMS IS
AS FAR AS PERU WANTS TO GO AT THIS TIME. COMMENT: ECON OFF HAS
IMPRESSION SOLARI HAS NOT DISTRIBUTED DRAFT NOTE BEYOND OWN
OFFICE. WHILE SOLARI MAY HAVE HAD ALTRUISTIC MOTIVE OF NOT WISHING
TO POISON ATMOSPHERE REGARDING BILATERAL CIVAIR RELATIONS, WE
BELIEVE MORE LIKELY REASON FOR SOLARI'S CLOSE HOLD ON DRAFT
IS DUE TO HIS OWN INTERTIA COMPOUNDED BY KNOWLEDGE OF IM-
PENDING CHANGES IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, DGTA, AND AEROPERU. END
COMMENT.

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3. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION WITH ECON OFF AND MONTOYA,
SOLARI EMPHASIZED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND PERU IN CIVIL
AVIATION MATTERS HAVE GENERALLY BEEN CORDIAL AND THAT ATMOSPHERE
AT PRESENT TIME, DESPITE BLIND SECTOR FLIGHT IMPASSE,
IS FRIENDX HE NOTED THAT USG HAS BEEN HELPFUL BOTH TO
GOP AND PERUVIAN AIRLINES ON MANY OCCASIONS AND EX-
PRESSED HOPW THAT GOOD RELATIONSHIP COULD CONTINUE.

4. BIO INFORMATION ON NEW PERSONNEL FOLLOWS BY POUCH. DEAN

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